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SUBJ: DISK FORMALLY REJECTS LABOR SOCIAL AGREEMENT.

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1. THE CONFEDERATION OF TURKISH REVOLUTIONARY/REFORMIST  
TRADE UNIONS (DISK) AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE  
BOARDS OF AFFILIATED UNIONS AND REGIONAL AND NATIONAL REPRESENT-  
ATIVES UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A DECLARATION REJECTING THE "SOCIAL  
AGREEMENT" (SEE REFTELS) SIGNED TWO WEEKS PREVIOUSLY BETWEEN  
HALIL TUNC, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF TURKISH TRADE  
UNIONS (TURK-IS), AND PRIMIN BULENT ECEVIT ON BEHALF OF THE  
GOVERNMENT. THE AGREEMENT WAS CHARACTERIZED AS A WAGE  
FREEZE SUBVERTING THE WORKERS' LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND  
INTERESTS AND A SUSPENSION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. THE  
MEETING ALSO DECIDED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLICAN  
PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) GOVERNMENT AND DISK WOULD BE ADJUSTED  
ACCORDING TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE DAY AND THE INTERESTS AND  
DEMANDS OF THE WORKERS. DISK WILL SUPPORT EVERY CONSTRUCTIVE  
STEP TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE GOOD OF LABOR, IT WAS  
DECLARED, BUT WILL WAGE AN ACTIVE FIGHT AGAINST DECISIONS AND  
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ACTIONS CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF LABORING PEOPLE.

2. THE DIS DECLARATION REITERATED THE CONFEDERATION'S COMMIT-  
MENT TO "REVOLUTIONARY CLASS UNIONISM" AND ITS OPPOSITION  
TO DEPENDENCE ON THE CAPITALIST-IMPERIALIST SYSTEM. DISK  
SPECIFICALLY DEMANDED AMONG OTHERS:

A. REPEAL OF ARTICLES 141 AND 142 OF THE TURKISH PENAL CODE WHICH BAR THE FORMATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND OTHER EXTREMIST PARTIES;

B. WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO AND CENTO;

C. COMBAT AGAINST RISING PRICES, INFLATION, AND UNEMPLOYMENT;

D. BAN LOCKOUTS AND PROVIDE THE RIGHT OF GENERAL STRIKE; AND

E. AMENDMENT OF THE LABOR LAW TO PROVIDE INCREASED PROTECTION FOR WORKERS AGAINST LABOR REDUNDANCIES, INSTITUTION OF A FIVE-DAY WEEK AND GREATER SAFEGUARDS FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF WORKERS.

3. COMMENT: THE GENERAL TONE AND SUBSTANCE OF THE DISK DECLARATION ARE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS MANY PRIOR DISK PRONOUNCEMENTS. HOWEVER, ON THIS OCCASION DISK IS CLEARLY REJECTING PRIMIN ECEVIT'S ENDEAVORS TO MAINTAIN A CONTINUING DIALOGUE ON THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN TE "SOCIAL AGREEMENT". THE DECLARATION THEREFORE APPEARS AS A FURTHER SWING TO THE LEFT BY DISK AND AS A WEAKENING OF THE TIES BETWEEN DISK AND THE RPP LEADERSHIP. DILLON

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